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The Dock Commissioners took preliminary steps yesterday, before Judge Leonard, at Supreme Court Chambers, to obtain control of the harbor of the Dock from the hands of the Comptroller. Application was made and granted for an order to show cause why a mandamus should not issue against the Comptroller directing him to pay the fund over to the Dock Commissioners. The order was made returnable on Monday next, when the case will come up for a hearing.

The case of The People vs. William M. Tweed was again before the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, and the day was spent in the further argument of the motion to quash the indictment. The hearing will be continued this morning, when Mr. Field will reply on behalf of the defendant.

THE CASE OF WILLIAM M. TWEED.

Another Day of Legal Encounter and of the Law—Continuation of the Argument to Quash the Indictment—Mr. Freeman in Reply to Defendant's Counsel.

Yesterday the case of The People against William M. Tweed was again before Judge Ingraham in the Court of Oyer and Terminer on a continuation of argument by Tweed's counsel to quash the indictment. This argument to quash is becoming not only farcical as a legal illusion, but, unfortunately, it tends to bring the administration of justice into contempt. The change made in the Judges to try the case must appear unfortunate from the fact that Judge Brady, who had listened to all the bombast and rhodomontade of defendant's talking court, had just come to the point to have some special pleading from that rosy gentleman of "sound and fury" who appeared in the bench was filed by another. Judge Brady resolved to have Tweed arraigned, first and to listen to argument after now, from present appearances, it will be all argument and no arraignment, no trial, no conviction, no punishment. So was the legal world again.

ARGUMENT TO QUASH THE INDICTMENT AGAINST WILLIAM M. TWEED.

The hearing was resumed yesterday morning in the Court of Oyer and Terminer before Judge Ingraham. There were present the same array of counsel as on Tuesday, the gentleman in the big wig being again prominent as the leader of the defense. The "Box" was again expected. Indignity good spirits, was prior to the commencement of the proceedings busily engaged for some time in conversation with a gentleman whose name did not transpire. The court, although well filled, was devoid of that scene of crushing and excitement which was apparent on Tuesday last, many doubtless preferring to remain absent until the trial actually assumes some prospect of its being taken in hand and prosecuted to a conclusion—a prospect which, from present appearances, seems highly problematical.

Mr. Peckham, in opening the case for the prosecution, said that when the case was taken into Court, the day before yesterday, he had hoped some progress would have been made, but he was exceedingly dissatisfied with what had been done. From the circumstances which the other side had endeavored to prove it certainly did appear that the prosecution was going to be trampled on and had actually got themselves into an unfortunate muddle. They had urged that his presence on behalf of the District Attorney had been illegal, and that no lawyer could appear before that body other than the District Attorney himself. All that he had done had been to lay the indictment before the Grand Jury, to explain it, to examine witnesses and to advise them to either find or ignore the bill, and it was for the other side to prove the impropriety of any appearing before the Grand Jury other than the District Attorney himself. There was no difference between him and a party authorized to appear for him. He had been there, and he was there in consequence of certain letters which had appeared in the Tribune, but there had been no evidence adduced to connect him with the case. He was a man of no account, and he was not a public prosecutor because he had expressed an opinion as to the impropriety of a man to be entrusted with an important position, in which the benefit of the public was so deeply interested. Counsel had at all times a right to express an opinion as to whether a man was fit to be entrusted with an important position, and he was not a public prosecutor because he had expressed an opinion as to the impropriety of a man to be entrusted with an important position, and he was not a public prosecutor because he had expressed an opinion as to the impropriety of a man to be entrusted with an important position.

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TAMMANY HALL.

Reorganizing the District Delegations—Reports of Inefficiency and Lack of Fidelity Among the Members.

The Tammany Hall Democratic General Committee met in Tammany Hall last evening. John Fox in the chair. There was a large attendance. Mr. John Kelly, from the committee of ten appointed to investigate the condition of the various Assembly districts as to efficiency, harmony, &c., reported that the committee would be able to report in full at the next meeting. At present, however, they were able to report the condition of the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth and Seventeenth Assembly districts, the members of which were examined separately. From the delegates in the SEVENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

the information was elicited that a large number of the delegates had not attended the election, or in favor of the gentlemen nominated by the party, and the committee had much reason to believe that this General Committee could place any reliance on the fidelity of that delegation as now constituted. There are individual members, gentlemen of political strength and personal worth, who are in the committee, but they do not wish to cast the slightest reflection. The large number of the delegation, however, supported and voted the Apollo Hall ticket for Mayor and co-operated with that association in the election. The General Committee, for the purpose of a general reorganization in this district, the seats of the delegates were divided into three groups.

THE EIGHTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. The principal member of said delegation acknowledged that he had not voted at the late election. In consequence of this, gentlemen on the Tammany Hall ticket objected to him, nor did he support your candidates for his influence and money from the polls all day. Individual members of the delegation stated, individually that the work of the canvass was done by a few men, and that the delegation was not a body of men, but that it was very doubtful if they could ever act harmoniously or efficiently under the present management. Ninety-ninth of the population of the Eighth district German citizens, who have heretofore been in the delegation, and who are now in the delegation, are under the impression that little if any effort was made to continue their connection or prevail on them to vote for the nominees of the organization. In consequence of these facts, and in accordance with the opinion of your committee, of the utter impossibility of relying on the delegation as a body, the committee recommended that the seats of the whole delegation be declared vacant, and would recommend in making up new delegations that the interest of German citizens be more liberally represented. There are reliable and trustworthy men among the members of the delegation, but they are in the minority, and are in no way responsible for the inefficiency of the delegation.

THE TENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. It is not so strong and efficient as to warrant its continuation as at present formed. Its leading members are of the Tammany Hall ticket, and it is shown that he voted and abandoned for James O'Brien. A great want of confidence is shown in the delegation, and the interest of German citizens and your committee would recommend that a change be made likely to make it wholly efficient and trustworthy. The committee recommended that those whom it represents, and in consequence recommended that all the seats of the delegation be declared vacant.

THE SEVENTEENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. The delegation is now reduced to one-half its original organization. Power should be given to the committee to select new members, as provided by the by-laws; but we would recommend that the members consent the various interests of their district that may be in harmony with Tammany Hall.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS recommended for adoption:—Resolved, That the seats of the members from the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth and Seventeenth Assembly districts be declared vacant, and that these districts be reorganized, and that the persons who may be selected be notified by the committee of the reasons for their removal from the delegation.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS recommended for adoption:—Resolved, That in the death of Horace Greeley we lament the loss of one of the great founders of modern journalism, and one of the most noble and patriotic spirits of the age; and that we hereby declare, vacant, and that these districts be reorganized, and that the persons who may be selected be notified by the committee of the reasons for their removal from the delegation.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS recommended for adoption:—Resolved, That the Chamber respectfully call the Secretary of the Tammany Hall Democratic General Committee to the attention of the United States commercial code of signals as now in use by the navy and all other vessels, and that the committee be authorized to draw up resolutions expressive of the great loss the Chamber acknowledged in the death of so old and experienced a member, and that the committee be authorized to communicate to the Chamber a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.

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